



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SASAKI, Yasushi, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1794**

Serial No.: **10/571,266**

Examiner: **CHAWLA, Jyoti**

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For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MODIFIED GUM ARABIC**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED December 10, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 17, 2009

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 10, 2009.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-9; and Group (II), Claims 10-16.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-9, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Response to the Restriction Requirement
Filed on December 17, 2009

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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